

POST SIGNAL OFFICE
FORT HUACHUCA, ARIZONA

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Dear Charlie:

Here's the scoop on things as far as we have it on this end of the line: Colonel Lyman, his S-3 and S-4 arrived at 1130 hours Wednesday 4 March. After lunch the S-3, S-4 and I went over a set of maps prepared by the Post Engineer, and I gave them as much as I could regarding your plans. After that, they, with Colonel Lyman made an on the spot inspection of those areas you had selected for the various activities. This continued until well after 1730 when we knocked off for chow. I was back with them at 1900 and we spent about thirty minutes in my quarters, then back on the maps. They didn't get to bed until about 0330. By 0800, 5 March we were on the go looking over ranges, training sites, the Commissary PX, QM Sales Store and warehouse facilities. Just as you and Tabor did, Hoffman and Walker, the S-3 and S-4 from San Luis certainly didn't miss anything. Their thinking matched yours about 98%.

At 1400 Colonel Lyman and I headed for Tucson to pick up General's O'Connell and Willis and Colonel Corr. On the way in, Colonel Lyman discussed this problem to some extent. I formed the following opinion: He likes San Luis Obispo better. It's closer to a city, not so much like a desert and his wife wouldn't like Huachuca. I formed no opinion as to his ideas as to the question of the advantages and/or disadvantages concerning training of the Air Section, EWC or RTC.

General O'Connell, General Willis and Colonel Corr arrived at the Tucson airport right on time (1640 MST) and we had them on the post at 1920. I had done my best to work out a deal where-by either General O'Connell or General Willis would ride back with me but no dice, Colonel Corr was with me. After the arrival of the party on the post we had dinner with General O'Connell, General Willis, Colonel Corr, Colonel Lyman, Colonel Dunne, Colonel McLamb, Lieutenant Colonel Hoffman, Lieutenant Colonel Walker, Captain Duke and I managed to eat too. The balance of the evening was given over to the usual bull session, and enjoyed by all.

At 0800, 6 March a briefing started and it was a briefing. The questions were fast and furious believe me. General O'Connell knew his questions, as did General Willis. They received straight answers, no fooling around. The briefing concluded at 0920 and then began a tour of the post. We were back at 1200 for lunch. At 1300 they were rolling again. General O'Connell and General Willis had specific areas and facilities they wanted to see. Colonel

Corr and I just wandered around the PX, Photo Lab, Warehouse and Shop and he spent a little time with Captain and Mrs. Duke, they were together in Hawaii.

At 1600 we had a little shin-dig at the Club and a goodly crowd was on hand. During that time I talked briefly with General Willis and couldn't get too much out of him, except the Signal Corps and D/A might come in for some criticism if SLO was moved here after considerable money had been spent there, and the politics might rear its ugly head. We must admit California has plenty of power. It appears California is now trying to make a reasonable deal to keep the Signal Corps at SLO.

Everytime the group broke up Colonel Lyman was whispering to General Willis and I's sure it wasn't good for Huachuca. However, it that's his honest opinion he must follow through.

During our journey around the post (Colonel Corr and I) I concluded he felt Huachuca had much to offer and I further think he will so recommend to General Lenzner (I wish he could have come out here).

I drove General O'Connell and General Willis to Tucson, leaving here at 1820 Friday to catch their plane for Phoenix. During the trip not one word was spoken that would give me the least indication of their thinking.

There's a lot of words here and really nothing definite, not even a glimmer of how it will turn out. We have given every one a straight honest picture, there's been no smoke what-so-ever, we have done our best to present a clear honest picture.

I would appreciate anything you can do to keep their remarks out of the hands and sight of anyone other than yourself. I've stuck my neck a long way out concerning Colonel Lyman, I know it too.

Now in the event you hear of anything that would be of interest to me and/or Colonel Dunne we would appreciate a word from you. I rather doubt if anything will happen before two or three weeks, perhaps now is the time for some leave?

With best personal regards and hoping to hear from you very soon.

Sincerely,

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